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NORTHSYDNEY NEWS



THE DUNCAN THOMPSON STAND



THE HOME OF WOMEN'S SPORT



North Sydney Oval has a proud history of highlighting women's sporting achievements.

In 1992, the Mollie Dive stand was named after the 1947 to 1951 captain of the Australian women's cricket team. A batter with an average of over 78, Mollie Dive was captain in every test, and represented NSW during the 1930s. She also played hockey for NSW. Dive's enormous contribution to women's sport led Council to recognise her.

In recent years, women's games have been a highlight at the Oval: from live screenings of Matildas games at the FIFA World Cup in 2023, to hosting the Sydney Sixers WBBL and international women's cricket games each summer.

Fifteen professional women's sporting games were played at North Sydney Oval in 2024, including international cricket, AFLW, Women's National Cricket League, the Marsh Cup and WBBL. It's also been the site of community team games like those played by UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club. When not playing at the Oval, local women's cricket teams train in North Sydney parks including Tunks, Bon Andrews Oval and Primrose. And North Sydney United FC women's soccer teams play at Cammeray, Primrose, Waverton and Anderson Parks.



Now, in 2025, interest in women's sporting events is at an all-time high. According to UN Women Australia, 73 per cent of Australians say they watch women's sports at least a few times a year. This is mirrored in record levels of attendees. Over 6,000 spectators headed to North Sydney Oval for the opening Women's Ashes ODI series match on 12 January this year. With Australia beating England 206-6 by four wickets, it's no surprise crowds are flocking to see these formidable athletes play.

It's not just cricket that Aussie women excel at, but other sports like rugby too. The Women's Super Rugby final will be played at North Sydney Oval on Saturday 12 April. Tickets are also on sale to cheer on the Wallaroos as they face Wales on Friday 1 August. Keep an eye on Council's website for more great women's games to come over the year.

See you at the Oval – the home of women's sport!

**Want to know how to get involved with your local club?
We spoke to some local players on page 4.**



Over recent months, I have returned over and over to the importance of accountability and responsibility both to those we represent as Councillors and for those who represent us all at State and Federal levels.

Of course, in part, that is because we, as a Council, have been striving to be both responsible and accountable for decisions taken by those who came before us and to make careful decisions to form the basis of a strong legacy for the next generation.

The thing is, accountability and responsibility are intimately related but not necessarily the same thing. Being accountable means taking ownership and responsibility for the consequences of your actions. Being responsible means acting to right wrongs even if they are not of your making, often requiring difficult and unpopular decisions in the public interest, in the face of ugly political games for self interest.

Both seem in increasingly short supply as we face the impacts and consequences of poor planning and failed decisions at the State level. Our community is currently overwhelmed with the legacy of poor or no planning by successive State Governments.

Whether it is:

- the chaos and cancellation of local buses following privatisation of bus services by the former Coalition government, or
- the desperate need for at least one new high school to meet existing and rapidly increasing demand as students living within metres of Cammeraygal High are no longer in the catchment and instead must travel to Mosman; or

- the impacts of massively increased density at Crows Nest under the Accelerated Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Precinct, or
- the new low and mid-rise housing reforms that identify Cremorne and Neutral Bay as town centres, despite being served solely by buses, not stations, and allowing for 6 storeys within 400m and 4 storeys within 800m, or
- the failure to plan for and deliver essential community facilities to cater for new density – open space, sporting facilities, hospital beds, schools etc.

Our community has been neglected and poorly served at the State level for decades. It is a case of 'all care and no responsibility' and we are living with the consequences.

For example, both our State MPs (and/ or their predecessors) were part of the former government that pushed through the devastating Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade works – resulting in the loss of thousands of trees, and which are destined to deliver congestion chaos on local roads as experienced with the Rozelle Interchange. They privatised Lower North Shore buses and increased density for Crows Nest and St Leonards by 6,683 new dwellings under the 2036 Plan without securing funding for a new school, hospital beds, open space or sporting facilities to meet the needs of the new population.

Indeed, in the 1990s their predecessors sold off public assets like Milsons Point Public School and Cremorne Girls High with no regard for the needs of the current generation.

Where are they now as we, as a community, navigate the impacts of those decisions? Silent or ineffective in opposition.

Isn't it beyond time that our State representatives accept responsibility and accountability for their decisions in government? It's time to stop the party political games in opposition for a more constructive approach to addressing the consequences of past actions in the best interest of our community.

Far too often, our State representatives seek to blame councils for the failure of careful planning at the State level to meet community needs.

Council, therefore, plays a vital role in amplifying your voices to the State Government.

This Council does not shy away from taking responsibility and being accountable for the legacy we have inherited. Equally, we are dedicated to holding the State Government to account.

As Mayor, I will continue to meet with State Government ministers to seek to secure the delivery of essential services and infrastructure our community both needs and deserves. Your concerns and experiences are essential to moving decision-makers at the State level.

So, please continue to contact me at mayor@northsydney.nsw.gov.au and your Council on State issues that impact your lives.

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NSW GOVERNMENT REZONES PARTS OF CROWS NEST

An explainer of the state-led rezoning of the area around the Crows Nest Metro Station – and what may change in coming years.



In 2023, the State Government identified eight transport hubs around greater Sydney for ‘accelerated rezoning’ as part of its Transport Oriented Development (TOD) program. The area around the Crows Nest Metro Station is one of them, and on 27 November 2024, the rezoning came into effect.

The rezoning has resulted in amendments to our Local Environment Plan 2013. This is the principal legal document that regulates and controls the scale and type of development that is allowed on land in our council area. Our neighbours in Lane Cove and Willoughby also had amendments made, as parts of the TOD precinct cross the council boundaries.

Why is this happening?

In 2023, to address increasing housing pressure, the Commonwealth and states set a target to build 1.2 million homes over the following five years. The NSW Government committed to a target of 377,000 of those dwellings, including 5,900 for the North Sydney local government area (LGA). The changes to planning controls in this precinct will help enable these new homes to be built, as well as providing capacity for 2,500 new jobs.

What is changing?

The key changes are to the maximum building heights and floor space ratios that will be allowed in the TOD precinct.

Applications for buildings of 6 to 42 storeys will now be permitted for different sites across the precinct within the North Sydney LGA. A site just over the boundary in Willoughby LGA has a permitted height of 62 storeys. Buildings of these heights would cast long shadows across surrounding areas.

Floor space ratios of up to 20:1 will be permitted. Floor space ratio is a density measure that sets a maximum total amount of internal floor space that can be provided on a site.

The amendments also dictate a minimum of 3% affordable housing in all new residential development and between 5% and 16% for several key sites in our LGA.

The NSW Government consulted on its proposed plans during July and August last year. Following that public exhibition period, the Crows Nest TOD precinct was expanded to the west and south towards Lithgow Street, River Road and Gillies Street. A number of sites across the precinct also had their maximum building height and density further increased following the public exhibition.

What is Council doing?

During the consultation period last year, Council made a detailed submission calling for the government to consider the area’s economic future and deliver community infrastructure that would support the planned growth of our population, and for stronger design controls to guide better built forms and amenity. We have been urging the NSW Government to consider these issues since the housing targets and TOD plans were announced. Now that the rezoning is in place, we must assess applications under the new controls.

We will continue to provide clear information to help you understand the changes, and how they may affect you.

When will changes happen?

Since the rezoning came into effect on 27 November last year, development applications have been able to be lodged under the new controls. Depending on the take-up by landowners and developers, and considering the approval and construction process for large-scale developments, significant change can be expected over the coming years.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR LOCAL YOUNG ATHLETES



Not only is North Sydney Oval the home of women's sport, but the North Sydney community is home to many talented female sports players.

Two of those players are Sam and Georgia, members of the UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club. Sam and Georgia are both residents who came into the club through the North Sydney junior team. Sam is now a member of the club's Brewer Shield under-18 side and plays with Georgia on the open-age Second Grade team.

"My favourite thing about playing cricket is the team," says Sam. "North Sydney has a great group of girls to play with. I've made a lot of friends, both in Brewers and Seconds."

Georgia echoes Sam's sentiments of team culture and support. "Also, the support we receive from parents, coaches, managers and the men's club makes our experience more enjoyable and worthwhile."

Club Secretary Sarah Berman says: "We are fortunate to play at some of the best grounds in Sydney, namely North Sydney Oval, Bon Andrews Oval and Tunks Park." She credited Council's groundskeeping and oval teams for their award-winning turf.

"The grounds we get to play at are of top quality," Georgia agrees.

Sam's advice for young players looking to get involved or improve their skills is to take every opportunity. "Try out for everything. It doesn't matter if you don't think you're going to make it. Keep going and you will get better. It will help improve your game so much."



"Something really cool that has happened is being able to play at North Sydney Oval. We played against another club. That was a really cool experience," Sam says.

Sam and Georgia's journeys so far are prime examples of the pathway to professional cricket that UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club is trying to build.

Sarah explains that the club started their senior women's team in 2018, to give the local junior players a chance to play for an established club close to home.

Since then, they've established themselves in the Women's NSW Premier Cricket competition, and the club's Second Grade team won the 2023/24 season.

The hope is to have a First Grade team in the competition within the next few years.

"The goal is that there is a full pathway into women's professional cricket. It's a high standard to reach but we're working towards it," Sarah says.



This would help give players like Sam more opportunities to reach their goals. "I want to work and develop and get as far as I can," Sam says. "In a few years, it would be great to go up another grade. If I make the New South Wales side that's amazing."

She also hopes to see more competition and attention for the sport.

"We need more girls to come in from juniors and continue to play cricket. The local competition is good already – with more people, there will be more talent, better competition, and more girls to find the love for cricket."

Georgia agrees: "The competitions are full of good talent. I hope this is sustained in the future, and that it encourages more girls to commit to cricket and everything it has to offer."

The club also partners with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) to provide scholarships for talented cricketers to attend the university and play cricket with the club.

You can find out more about the club on their website (northsydneycc.com.au) or Instagram @utsnorthsydneycricket

GET INVOLVED WITH OUR OTHER LOCAL TEAMS:

- North Sydney United FC - northsydneyunited.com.au
- Cammeray Tennis Club - cammeraytennis.asn.au
- North Sydney Junior Rugby League - northsydneyjuniorleague.com
- Norths Pirates Junior Rugby Union - northspirates.rugby
- Northern Suburbs Basketball Association Inc (Norths Basketball) - nsba.com.au

HELP CARE FOR THE BUSH IN YOUR BACKYARD



Imagine the sound of powerful owls echoing through a gully of Neutral Bay...

They're one of several nocturnal species spotted in Forsyth Park's bushland. Southern boobooks, barn owls and tawny frogmouths are also frequent visitors to this small pocket of angophora foreshore forest, set in a gully between Yeo and Bent Street, Neutral Bay.

Tristram Thomas, Council's Bush Regeneration Team Leader, says: "This small reserve is the only inland pocket of remnant

bushland that we have in North Sydney. All our other bushland reserves are along the harbour foreshores, so it's a very important part of our north-south wildlife corridor linking Port Jackson with Middle Harbour."

And the reserve needs your help. The Forsyth Park Bushcare group is calling for new volunteers to help their bush regeneration efforts, and ensure this precious pocket of bushland remains healthy and ecologically diverse to support local native animals.

"Volunteering with Bushcare has huge environmental benefits," says Tristram. "But it's also a great way to meet people with a common interest in environmental protection, get active outdoors, and learn new skills."

No prior experience is needed. At all Bushcare group sessions, you'll receive training and support from a qualified supervisor, gloves and tools, and morning or afternoon tea.

The Forsyth Park Bushcare group meets on the fourth weekend of each month, on a Saturday, from 1pm to 4pm at the bend of Montpellier Street, behind the Community Garden.

And if you're not local to Neutral Bay, there are 12 other Bushcare groups around the council area you can join. Find out more and sign up at northsydney.nsw.gov.au/bushcare



How to help displaced wildlife

Waterbirds trapped in fishing line, lost or injured baby possums – our native creatures face daily threats from predators, traffic, pollution and loss of habitat. If you come across injured or displaced wildlife, there are some simple steps you can take to give them the best chance of survival.

Firstly, if it is safe to do so, ensure the animal is away from danger. If possible, gently contain it by placing a box or towel over it. Warmth, dark and quiet can all help minimise shock.

Then, call one of Sydney's wildlife rescue organisations. They offer free, 24-hour phone services you can call for help and advice. When you speak to them, they may give you instructions or organise for a licensed wildlife volunteer to come and collect the animal from you. Alternatively, they may ask if you can take the animal to the vet for a free check – you will not need to pay anything. All going well, the animal will be rehabilitated and re-released back to its home environment.

Sydney Wildlife has a greater presence in the North Sydney area. They're also available via email at info@sydneywildlife.org.au to help with animal-related questions such as possums in roofs, wildlife-friendly pest control, habitat gardening and feeding wildlife.



Contact: Sydney Wildlife Rescue – 9413 4300 | WIRES – 1300 094 737

Photo by C Gradwell

Wildlife Watch

Spotted! Here are some recent wildlife sightings by locals in our Wildlife Watch program. Anyone can log sightings to help monitor and look after our natural environment.

If you'd like tips and guidance on what to look for, plus an opportunity to meet other Wildlife Watchers, our Bushland team is starting a new Wildlife Watch walking group. To find out about upcoming walks, get in touch with the Bushland Project Officer on 9936 8100.



Photos above by Anne Pickles



CREATIVE GRANTS FOR ARTISTS – APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON

Council’s annual Creative Grants Program provides funding for local artists and groups to show new creative arts in the North Sydney area. The grants give local audiences access to exhibitions, performances, events and collaborations, and strengthen the capacity and sustainability of local creative industries.

Applications for grants of up to \$2,500 for professional development and \$5,000 for projects are closing Monday 14 April 2025.

In 2024, local audiences had the opportunity to enjoy the grant-supported Sound Picnic by The Music Box Project. This project, led by an ensemble of musicians, focused on collecting and creating sounds inspired by the unique environment of the Coal Loader in Waverton. Their process involved rehearsing at the site, exploring its features, and experimenting with ideas. While they had a general plan and structure, the performances embraced improvisation, allowing the musicians to adapt to the moment, engage with audience reactions, and collaborate in real time.

The Coal Loader was an inspiring setting, with its rich history, expansive platform, outdoor piano and tunnels, which resonated and echoed the sounds. Audiences could enjoy music outside of traditional performance spaces, moving freely around the space and immersing themselves in the performance.

“Creative grants are important for both artists and the community,” says Naomi from the Music Box Project, an award-winning, artist-run collective presenting creative, community driven and collaborative music experiences. “They offer the opportunity for us to expand our creative practice through experimentation, play and discovery, and then to invite audiences into that musical space. Through being able to offer Sound Picnic at the Coal Loader as a free experience, we were able to engage with audiences that hadn’t experienced our music before.”

The collective’s core members are Jane Aubourg, Elizabeth Jigalin, Naomi Johnson, Peter Leung and Joseph Lisk.

Find more details and how to apply for the 2025 round at northsydney.nsw.gov.au/CreativeGrants
Look out for more projects from September 2025 to September 2026.

WRITERS IN RESIDENCE

Pen your next chapter

Apply now for the Don Bank Museum Writers in Residence Program.

The program offers writers a unique opportunity to pursue their craft in the tranquil and historic Don Bank Museum, a heritage building in a garden setting in the heart of North Sydney CBD.

Writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memoir and plays are invited to apply to complete a creative project in the Don Bank studio and contribute to the cultural life of the North Sydney community.

Applications close on Monday 31 March: northsydney.nsw.gov.au/DonBankWriters

“There is a special feeling that comes with settling down to work in the beautifully maintained and peaceful Don Bank Museum. Surrounded by many original artefacts of the former home, with the giant magnolia gracing the entrance, I felt as if I were stepping into an enchanted space free of common daily distractions – the perfect inner-city haven for any writer or artist! I’ll remain forever grateful to the wonderful team at North Sydney Council and Stanton Library for the rare opportunity to complete my third poetry manuscript in an unhurried and harmonious setting and play an active role in the local literary community through mentoring of selected writers.”

— Denise O’Hagan, 2024/2025 Writer in Residence



Submissions for Stanton Library’s 2025 Young Writers’ Award are now open. Celebrating its 35th anniversary, this annual competition is an opportunity for young people aged 11 to 18 to express themselves through an original poem or short story of up to 750 words. Don’t miss this opportunity to celebrate the power of storytelling. Closing Sunday 27 April: northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Young-Writers

OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE: Primrose Park Artist in Residence Program

Yvonne East is an award-winning artist. Her work has been exhibited in major prizes and institutions across Australia including the Archibald Prize and the Doug Moran Portrait Prize. She is also a passionate educator and teaches painting, life drawing and observational drawing at University of New South Wales Art + Design (formally COFA) and Willoughby Arts Centre.

Yvonne has been a resident at Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre since October 2024.

"Having a space to develop your artistic practice is a privilege," she said.

During her residency, Yvonne has been developing a new body of work based on the landscape of the lower north shore of Sydney where she lives and works.

Working in the studio, Yvonne has developed connections to the local art community. She was invited by Artists in the Park, a member group of the Art and Craft Centre, to run weekly painting classes.

Yvonne described learning art as "like learning a musical instrument". Her classes provide a space to learn the essential art techniques which she hopes can "become something they can enjoy forever," she said.

Yvonne shares the studio space with four other talented artists: Annabel Butler, Allie Jonscher, Janet Parker-Smith and Kate Riley.



Yvonne East, *The Drawing Studio, 2023*, oil on Belgian linen, 131 x 112 cm. Image courtesy the artist.



"AN ANTIDOTE TO MODERN LIFE" COMMUNITY ART AT GREENWAY

There's a palpable buzz in the air of the Greenway Community Centre one drizzly Monday morning, as residents of the Kirribilli apartments gather to draw, stitch and craft, in the first of a series of community art workshops.

They have been invited to tell their stories and nurture their creativity, culminating in the joint creation of public artwork that will be displayed throughout the grounds of Greenway.

The collaborative art project, in celebration of Greenway's 70th anniversary last year, is focused on celebrating the history, values and aspirations of its community; and strengthening community bonds.

One participant, Angela, says she came along with her mother (pictured above) "to be included in something in the community and feel the energy in the room".

Over the course of six weeks, community members will take part in workshops led by four artists from the Tree Veneration Society, an eco-arts collective. Artists Penny Simons, Paula Broom, Elizabeth Gervay and Jane Green will help participants create nature-based artworks that tell their stories and experiences. During the final workshop, participants' creations will be joined together to form a joint piece or pieces for display on site – a tangible patchwork of the community's stories, history and creative expression.

Creativity is powerful for building community, telling stories and nurturing wellbeing and the effect is multiplied when harnessed in tandem with nature, according to the facilitators.

Those who participate in the workshops are invited to bring ideas, stories, symbols, keepsakes, found objects or words they would like to focus on, and the facilitators will guide them with possible techniques – such as drawing, stitching or frottage – for expressing them.

The artists spoke of the meditative power of creating with one's hands.

"Doing something with your hands lets you really be in the moment," says Elizabeth. "There's a feeling of oxygen, air, or breathing for all participants. There's nothing like drawing for making you focus."

"There's also a 'double effect' when you do it with nature – there's an energetic quality to creating with nature. It can be an antidote to modern life," says Penny.

Check Council's website for an update on the final public artwork, which will be completed in late March.



FRESH LOOK FOR LAVENDER BAY WHARF

Never underestimate the power of touch-ups! Lavender Bay Wharf recently underwent some minor repair works, finishing with a fresh coat of paint. Restoration included cracks filled in along the handrail, adjustments to the Lavender Bay sign, cleaning glass panels, fixing rotten timber in the shelter and tightening loose bolts on the guardrail. The timber stairs leading to the water will also be replaced shortly.



WALK EASY THROUGH CAMMERAY

New 40km/h speed zones have been introduced in Cammeray to make sure pedestrians are safe when crossing busy roads. Research shows that reducing speed limits by just 10 kilometres an hour leads to fewer accidents. This is because drivers have more time to react and brake before a collision. It's important that all road users and pedestrians, including children and older people, can use busy areas safely.

Road safety infrastructure has been added to busy roads in Cammeray including signs, speed zone indicators, line markings, pedestrian refuges, raised pedestrian crossings and speed humps to decrease the chance of injuries and



collisions. These changes can be seen along:

- Miller Street (from Amherst Street to Palmer Street)
- Amherst Street
- Palmer Street
- Bellevue Street

Remember to be aware of the new speed limit and slow down while driving to keep the community safe. This is a joint project of Council and Transport for NSW's Black Spot program – an initiative to improve dangerous roads.

BEFORE AND AFTER: SIX YEARS OF TRANSFORMING AN ECOSYSTEM

You may remember the Living Seawall panels that were installed at Sawmillers Reserve in 2018. The harbourside space has since grown into a thriving hub of marine life, as you can see in these photos. Living Seawalls is a project of the Sydney Institute of Marine Science that aims to improve biodiversity around manmade structures in Sydney Harbour. North Sydney Council has been a supporter, providing testing sites for research, since the beginning.



Photo by Alex Goad



Photo by Aliah Banchik



DRIVE AND DROP

Free household waste disposal at the Community Recycling Centre

Residents of North Sydney and surrounding areas have a hassle-free way to dispose of their household problem waste at the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) in Artarmon. Located at 8 Waltham Street, the CRC is a drive-through facility offering free drop-off services for items that can't go in kerbside bins.

The CRC is open Wednesday to Friday from 8am to 2pm and Saturday to Sunday from 8am to 4pm. No bookings are required,

but for safety reasons, walk-ins are not allowed. You must visit in a vehicle. Customers can drop off a maximum of 20 litres or 20 kilograms of waste per visit.

Before heading to the CRC, ensure your items are sorted, such as separating oil and water-based paints, removing packaging from e-waste, and taping both ends of any batteries. When you arrive, follow staff instructions and wear gloves when handling waste.

This initiative is a partnership between local councils, including North Sydney, Willoughby, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Mosman and Ryde, with support from the NSW EPA.

This free service makes it easier for residents to responsibly dispose of waste and contribute to a cleaner, safer environment. Please bring proof of residence.

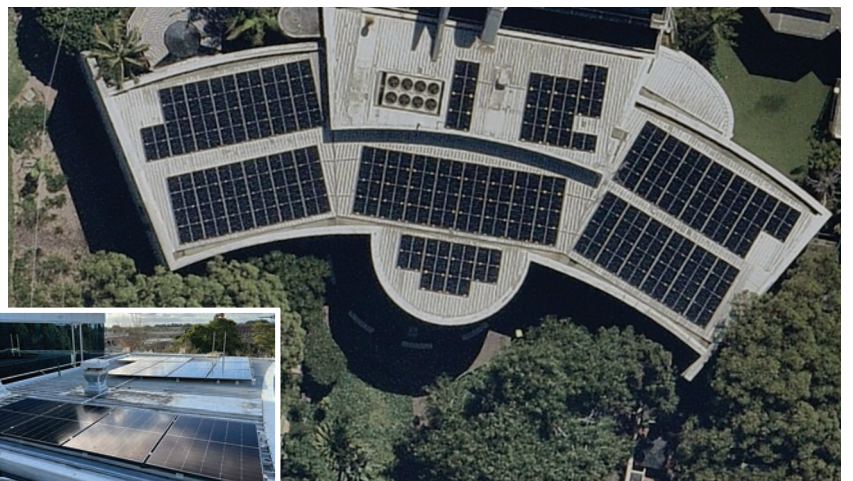
STANTON LIBRARY GETS A SOLAR UPGRADE

Electricity cost and consumption are down at Stanton Library, thanks to a 70kW solar PV system that was installed on the rooftop of the building mid last year.

The previous smaller system was removed and replaced with a larger array of solar panels. The new system has already contributed to a 10–15% reduction in energy costs for the library, saving around \$13,900 per year. The system will help Council achieve its target of carbon neutrality by 2035.

The old, damaged panels were recycled for valuable metals and minerals. Those that were still in good condition have been sent to developing countries for low-cost energy options.

The installation was partially funded by Ausgrid as part of a federal grant.



**NO SOLAR?
NO PROBLEM**
HOW TO HARNESS THE
POWER OF RENEWABLES
FOR FREE

Did you know you can access the cost and energy saving benefits of solar energy... even if you don't have your own solar panels?

The electricity grid in NSW is increasingly made up of renewable energy – especially rooftop solar. In fact, during the middle of the day when the sun is shining, around 70% of the energy flowing into the grid is renewable.

By using more power between 10am and 2pm, where feasible, you'll automatically use a greater share of renewable energy. There's no cost – all you need to do is shift

your consumption habits. For example, you might want to run your washing machine or dishwasher during the day when renewable energy is abundant instead of at night or in the early morning.

And if you do want to take the extra step of installing your own solar system or another renewable energy solution, Council offers practical and financial support. Search for 'Futureproofing Apartments' and 'Sustainability Rebates' on Council's website.

FROM WOLLSTONECRAFT TO THE PACIFIC

Local men supporting midwives

Midwifery educators and students in six Pacific Island nations have new simulation devices, thanks to the work of the North Sydney Men's Shed.

A group of local men from the Shed built 20 'dilation wheels' to be used as part of a Burnet Institute project supporting Pacific countries to provide quality midwifery education through clinical simulation. They allow student midwives to practise estimating the rate of cervix dilation during labour.

The equipment has now reached its destinations, to positive reception from the midwifery educators using it. In these photos, the wheels are being demonstrated by midwifery educators from Samoa, Vanuatu and Fiji.

An incredible effort to help support midwifery care and safer birth for our neighbours in the Pacific!

Find out more about this project and how to get involved with the Men's Shed on Council's website.



JOIN YOUR LOCAL PRECINCT COMMITTEE

For over 50 years, North Sydney's Precinct Committees have been providing the community with a voice to Council. Run independently by residents, the 17 Precinct Committees of the North Sydney area meet regularly to build community connections and provide feedback to Council.



Find out which Precinct Committee area you belong to, meet your neighbours and share your views on a range of topics to help inform Council of community opinion on its projects, plans and proposals. Visit Council's website to learn more.

SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON

Local community groups and not-for-profits are invited to apply for up to \$2,000 funding for projects serving the North Sydney community, through Council's Small Grants program. Applications close Sunday 30 March 2025. Find out more and apply: northsydney.nsw.gov.au/SmallGrants

RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS EXPIRE SOON

Resident parking permits will expire on Monday 31 March 2025. You will receive instructions by post to renew your permit online or in person. If you do not renew before the expiry date, you may receive a parking fine. Once you have paid, your permit will be valid until 31 March 2026.

If you have changed your address or vehicle details, please contact our Customer Service team.

Phone: 9936 8100 | Email: cs@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY



Whether it's changes to parking, policies, infrastructure or strategies, Your Say North Sydney is the place to find information and have your say on Council projects.

Last year, more than 2,900 contributions were shared to help make better decisions for our community. Make sure you are in the know and have your input this year: yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

NORTH SYDNEY OLYMPIC POOL UPDATE

Sign up to our monthly e-newsletter for the latest news on the redevelopment of the North Sydney Olympic Pool.



GREEN EVENTS

Nursery Visit | Monday 31 March | 8am to 2pm

Family Bushwalk | Tuesday 15 April | 10.30am to 12pm

Electric Vehicle Basics for Women | Thursday 8 May | 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Wildlife Habitat Tour | Saturday 10 May | 10am to 1pm

Boorowa Tree Planting Trip | Friday 30 May to Sunday 1 June
Enquiries: Bushland Management Coordinator on 9936 8100 or council @northsydney.nsw.gov.au



Book your place at northsydney.nsw.gov.au/events

COAL LOADER EVENTS

Eco Playgroups 10.30am to 11.30am

Wednesday 26 March 'Protecting the Ocean'

Monday 7 April 'Recycling'

Wednesday 30 April 'Upcycling Materials'

Monday 12 May 'Life on Land'

Wednesday 28 May 'Life on Land'

Wednesday 11 June 'Native Bees'

Monday 23 June 'Nature Sensory Exploration'

Yoghurt and Cheesemaking Saturday 5 April, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Seasonal Feast - Fermenting and Food Preservation

Saturday 12 April, 1pm to 3pm

Back on Your Bike - Family Ride and Skills Session

Wednesday 16 April, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Imperfectly Sustainable: Low Waste Living series 11am to 12.30pm

Saturday 26 April 'Declutter Your Home'

Saturday 24 May 'Green Cleaning'

Saturday 28 June 'Low Waste Family'

Saturday 26 July 'Turning the Plastic Tap Off'

Saturday 23 August 'Mini Skincare'

Saturday 27 September 'Love your Resuables'

School excursions at the Coal Loader

Did you know the Coal Loader welcomes school groups for excursions? Launching this year, the excursions are linked to the Stage 2 and 3 Science and Geography curricula, and fully facilitated by teachers. Students engage in unique, fun, hands-on activities across the iconic Waverton site, focusing on its sustainability features.

Schools from the North Sydney local government area can take part for FREE.

Let your school know and check the available dates via northsydney.nsw.gov.au/CoalLoaderEducation



NORTH SYDNEY OVAL

Super Rugby Women's Final | Saturday 12 April

Norths Rugby | Saturday 19 April

Norths Rugby | Saturday 3 May

Bears vs Warriors | Sunday 4 May

Norths Rugby | Saturday 10 May

Bears vs Dragons | Sunday 18 May

Norths Rugby | Saturday 24 May

Bears vs Panthers | Sunday 8 June

Norths Rugby | Saturday 14 June

Bears vs Raiders | Sunday 15 June

Bears vs Jets | Sunday 22 June

Norths Rugby | Saturday 28 June

North Sydney Community Centre events

Enrolment Day for Term 2

Friday 4 April | 10am to 5pm

Explore over 100 courses including morning and evening classes in pottery, Zumba, painting, Pilates, yoga, sewing, salsa and more.

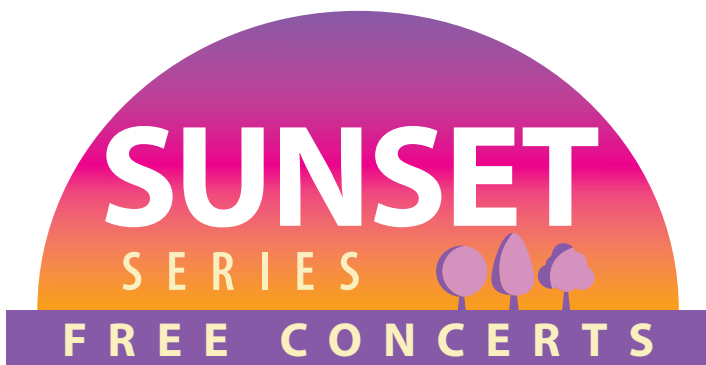
Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday 22 May | 10am to 12.30pm

Enjoy a fun-filled morning with delicious treats, creative crafts, and storytime – all while supporting Cancer Council NSW. While the little ones play, parents and carers can enjoy cupcakes, fresh fruit, and great company.

Book at: northsydneycentre.com.au





SUNSET

SERIES

FREE CONCERTS

Sunday 13 April and 11 May

2pm to 6pm (performers starting at 3pm)

St Leonards Park, North Sydney

Relax and unwind at Sunset Series, a free outdoor concert series in St Leonards Park. Enjoy live music, children's workshops, roving performers, and delicious food stalls in a vibrant community atmosphere. Pack a picnic, bring a rug, and soak up the sunset with family and friends.

LIFELINE ART SHOW

**Friday 4 April to
Wednesday 9 April**

11am to 6pm

Hutley Hall, North Sydney
Council Chambers, 200 Miller
Street, North Sydney



Enjoy a vibrant showcase of local and emerging artists at the Lifeline Art Show North Sydney. This special fundraising event, hosted by Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney, invites the community to explore and purchase incredible artworks while supporting a great cause - proceeds will help fund a new Lifeline Crisis Centre in North Sydney.

Come along to admire the artworks, find a unique piece to take home, and help Lifeline expand essential mental health and crisis support services in our local community.

For full details, including tickets to the Opening Night, check Lifeline's website: lifelineh2hsydney.org.au



THAT'S A WRAP ON TWILIGHT

We loved seeing the community come together to enjoy delicious food, live music and great company at Ted Mack Civic Park. Whether you came for the flavours, the fun, or just to soak up the atmosphere, we hope you had a fantastic time.

A huge thank you to our food vendors, performers and everyone who joined us – see you next time.



Join us at Colour Fest 2025

Saturday 12 April | 1pm to 4pm | St Leonards Park, North Sydney

Don your whitest of white clothes and get multi-coloured! To celebrate Youth Week 2025, join our Colour Run with a fun obstacle course, copious amounts of holi colour powder, live young bands and a DJ.

From 1pm, DJ Max will provide the tunes and young local bands will rock the stage to keep the fun going through the day.

Then take your marks, get set, go... and let the Colour Run fun begin. Dash through the park while we dust you in colour powder. How fast can you complete the course? Can you do it more than once? Join in on fun activities, recharge with food and refreshments, and finish off with a selfie at the Colour Run Fashion Wall.

Check Council's website for updates to the day and the map of the Colour Run.

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